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SUBJECT: TENTH CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ARMIES

1. CONFERENCE GOT UNDER WAY SEPTEMBER 3 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT CIRCULO MILITAR, WITH ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY THEIR ARMY CHIEFS EXCEPT MEXICO, WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTED AT ALL, AND CHILE, BEING REPRESENTED BY ITS MILITARY ATTACHE TO VENEZUELA. DEFENSE CHIEFS OF CANADA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, ARE REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRIES AS OBSERVERS. IADB AND COPECOMI ALSO REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS.

2. ON AUGUST 31 GENERAL MERCADO OF PERU TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE TREATY CAN NO LONGER BE IN FORCE SINCE ITS JUSTIFICATION, EXTRA-CONTINENTAL AGGRESSION, NO LONGER EXISTS. MERCADO CALLED FOR RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE SYSTEM TO MEET CHANGED CONDITIONS AND PROPOSED THAT HENCEFORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BE THE BASIS FOR THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF
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THE HEMISPHERE. MERCADO'S STATEMENTS RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE

IN PRESS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND LEFTIST PAPERS.

3. DAO HAS LEARNED THAT GENERAL MERCADO HAS ALREADY DEPARTED CARACAS FOR ALGERIA. B/G GUILLERMO ARBULU GALLIANI WILL REPRESENT PERU FOR REMAINDER OF CONFERENCE.

4. ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER CARCAGNO HAS STATED THAT HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER CONFERENCE ENDS.

5. GENERAL ABRAMS AND PARTY WAS BRIEFED UPON ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 2 BY COUNTRY TEAM.
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